

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SCREENING OF COAL AT MINES, AND TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND UNIFORM SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That any miner employed by an individual, firm or corporation for the purpose of mining coal in this State under contract for payment therefor at bushel or ton rates, or other quantities, shall be entitled to receive from his employer, and failing to receive to collect by due process of law at such rates as may have been agreed upon between employer and the employed, full and exact wages accruing to him for the mining of all sizes of merchantable coal so mined by him, whether the same shall exist in the form of nut or lump coal; the same to be accounted for at the legal rate of weights as fixed by the laws of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 2. All coal that will pass over a diamond bar or wire mesh screen, the bars of which are not more than one-half of one inch apart or a flat bar screen, with the bars not over three-quarters of one inch apart, and after the removal of the dirt therefrom, shall be deemed merchantable coal for the purposes arising under this act.

SEC. 3. The weighman employed at any mine shall subscribe an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace or other officers authorized to administer oaths, to do justice between employer and employe and to weigh the output of coal from the mines in accordance with the provisions of this act. Said oath or affirmation shall be kept conspicuously posted in the weigh office, and weigher of coal or person so employed who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 4. Any person or persons having or using any scale or scales for the purpose of weighing any output of coal at mines, so arranged or constructed that fraudulent weighing may be done thereby, or who shall knowingly resort to or employ any means whatsoever by reason of which such coal is not correctly weighed and reported in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction, for each such offense, be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.